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Got your fat envelope. I'll go over it as I can, copy what I want, and return. Unless I hear from you that you are in a hurry for it, I'll return it all at once, which has a number of advantages, one of which I call to your attention: this qualifies as "educational material" and thus can be sent fourth-class, which would have cost 68 cents less, uninsured, and 48 cents less insured. If a letter is enclosed, that is noted on the envelope and postage is paid extra on that. Haven't examined contents, but expect to today or tomorrow.

I've been combining the urgent need for getting necessary work done on the place with the medical need for exercise (and the requirement of the feeling of well-being). My knees continue to bother me, have not responded to the exercise. I'm seeking an orthopaedic consultation to try and determine if there is a special cause or if this is an combination of aging and abuse. I have the old back condition, and that also requires exercise I have not been getting. I've got the upper part of the body in fair shape, but the lower does not respond.

As you can gather from my silence, I have not begun the Ray additions. I think it best to await the outcome of the proceedings, which delays all the other work. However, the day is too broken up as it is, with Lil still working, leaving me with those things to do.

I've heard nothing of consequence from anyone. There has been total silence from Vince and N.O. As I told you, that approach with Vince would achieve nothing. Unless he was made to feel his personal obligation, to understand that he had pledged and not kept his word, he would not be impelled enough. And he did get me to spend this other-people's-money on his word.

Bernabei should be here soon. I've made better arrangements than I would have thought possible until I tried. I have an excellent photographer who is also a skilled gun buff, a range withe a skeptical range officer (who also has a supply of Western ammo), my own M-C, with the exact sight, and a number of "NRA Masters" available to do the shooting. So, we'll be able to do adequate tests and will have a good crew to take to examine the existing evidence. Sorry you will not be here for it. I continue in the belief the least rewarding way to spend your summer is in Dallas. Hurriedly,